

PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERIES COMMISSION MINUTES
January 8, 2015 – REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON BEBEE

Chairperson Bebee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Bebee, Kelsey, Kwas, Lee, Turner, Thorburn

Absent: Wilson

Staff: Marcus Kirkpatrick

Guests: David Ferris & Jo Ferris

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Marcus shared that Harold Hicks, former owner of Cottage Gardens Nursery, passed away on December 19. The family asked that contributions be made to Hawk Meadow Park. Marcus will be contacting the family.

MOTION: by Commissioner Lee, supported by Commissioner Kelsey to move the Washtenaw R/C Raceway Presentation to Announcements:

David Ferris presented plans to offer a free novice Radio Control Car Clinic on May 16, at Grand Woods Park. R/C Raceway will also conduct a Radio Control Car Race on June 20. R/C Raceway is requesting to accept registration payments at the park on June 20.

MOTION: By Commissioner Lee, supported by Commissioner Kelsey to approve R/C Raceway to accept registration payments at Grand Woods Park on June 20, 2015. Motion approved.

4. SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. Santa's Hot Line – Calls were made on December 8th by Bob Thorburn & Denny Kellogg. There were 37 calls made, which is down from the last few years. Staff will be reviewing the program.
- B. Sweets & Treats with Santa – The event was successful. There were 187 people in attendance, which is up from last year's number of 164. Thanks to Al & Carol Wilson and Kasi Kirkpatrick for volunteering.
- C. Daddy Daughter Dance – The dance will be held on Monday, February 23. The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Senior Coordinator – Tammy Opdyke
 - ☐ The 38th Annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 13, with 42 participants.
 - ☐ Health Care Clinics included Foot Care, Chair Massage, and Blood Sugar, and Blood Pressure with 45 people attending.
 - ☐ A New Year's Eve pizza party was held with 47 participants. Participants enjoyed puzzles, pizza, salad, cookies, and bingo.
 - ☐ 19 companies were recognized for donating door prizes for events during the year.

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B. Aquatics Coordinator – Dave Hill

- ☐ Registration for the Winter 2015 Learn to Swim is underway.
- ☐ 847 people participated in the water aerobics program during the month of December. The Deep Water Aerobics classes had the highest turnout with a total of 321.
- ☐ Waverly East School groups rented the pool twice during the month.

C. Recreation Specialist – Jen Daly

- ☐ Youth Recreation Basketball registration has been extended. Currently, there are 150 youth signed up for the program. We are experiencing less enrollments in the 7-10 year olds. This is due to Waverly reintroducing their travel basketball program, under the leadership of a new athletics director. Our department will continue to work with Waverly officials to ensure all youth have opportunities.

D. Recreation Programmer – Kathy Sobczyk

- ☐ Kathy continues to redesign the wellness program. A new committee has been formed and the 2015 calendar is almost complete.
- ☐ The website and Facebook page are being updated with dates and events. Facebook continues to serve as a valuable marketing tool for the township.
- ☐ Newsletters will continue to be emailed in 2015.

E. Recreation Coordinator – Barbara Sherbo Kellogg

- ☐ Enrichment Classes will begin the week of January 26.
- ☐ The kickoff celebration for the Winter Warm Up will be held at the Lansing Mall on Saturday, January 24. The event will run from 10am – 12pm.
- ☐ Bands have been booked for the summer events at Sharp Park.
- ☐ Planning for the Delta Rocks! Business Expo has begun.

F. Parks Supervisor Report –Pat Schieding

- ☐ The department has received the new backhoe. The total cost was just over \$80,000. The backhoe will be used for burials and other township maintenance.
- ☐ Dustin Wood has been promoted to Crew Supervisor. Dustin will also supervise our summer seasonal employees.

G. Director's Report

- ☐ The first annual Volunteer Recognition event will be held in April. Department Staff member, Lindsay Ross, will present at February's meeting.
- ☐ The department continues to explore options of offering free curbside recycling to Delta Residents. Marcus shared data related to current trash and recycling for residents.
- ☐ The Government Senior Council will be presented at the next township board meeting. Delta Township residents, ages 50 & over, will be allowed participation.
- ☐ The department has established a new scholarship assistance fund. Delta Township youth that meet the qualifications will receive program assistance.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Mount Hope Study Update – Staff has met with C2AE and reviewed outcomes from the public input sessions. Staff is working on finalizing the grant to purchase the additional parcel and developing the final conceptual plan.
- B. DNR Grants Update – Staff is working on the grant requirements needed and awaiting the project agreements to be finalized. Staff is also considering projects for the 2015 DNR Grant program.

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- C. Grand Woods Park Update – The Grand Woods Park appraisal will be submitted to the City of Lansing on January 12. Township staff will await a response from the city.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kelsey, support by Kwas to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A Thorburn

Barbara A. Thorburn, Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission